

JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH  
SULSER McCARRELL



Joseph Peter (Curley) McCarrell was born May 5, 1855 at Provo, a son of Jesse Hughes and Amanda Wood McCarrell. The Jesse H. McCarrell and the David Wood families being two of the original group of five families who entered the west side of our valley on April 15, 1859. Their settlement was known as Smith's Grove or the Lower Settlement (Midway). He married Elizabeth Sulser who was born September 11, 1861 about eleven miles east of Fort Laramie on the trail to Utah, in the Joseph Young Company. She was the youngest child of Casper and Catherine Steidler Sulser.

Joseph and Elizabeth were the parents of eight children. The first two were born in Midway: Emma McCarrell Holmes and Joseph Francis McCarrell. After moving to Ashley Creek (Vernal) six children were born at what is now Jensen, Uintah County: William Warren McCarrell, Amanda Catherine McCarrell Hatch, Charles Osborn McCarrell, Theodore McCarrell, Marion Wallace McCarrell and Jessie Eva McCarrell Tiffany.

They were true pioneers, accepting the trials and hardships attending the settlement and colonization of two communities.

They cherished the fond and loving memories of Midway, but their permanent home was in Vernal. Both passed away and were interred there.

